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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: DJIBOUTI HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

REF: STATE 24445, DJIBOUTI 113

1. STATE MESSAGE CONTAINING HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON DJIBOUTI ARRIVED IN DJIBOUTI ON 14 FEBRUARY DUE TO DELAY IN POUCH SERVICE TO DJIBOUTI. ALTHOUGH THE REPORT ITSELF IS NOW IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, I WOULD PREFER TO HOLD IT BACK FOR USE ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS WITH THE GROD.
2. AS NOTED IN DJIBOUTI REFTTEL, THE HUMAN RIGHTS SCENE IN DJIBOUTI IS NOT SO CLEAR-CUT AS INDICATED IN REPORT TO CONGRESS, WHICH WAS PREPARED BEFORE POST REPORTED ON RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE AND POSSIBLE ILLEGAL ARREST. TO PRESENT THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT OFFICIALLY TO THE GROD AT THE PRESENT TIME COULD APPEAR TO BE A VINDICATION BY THOSE WHOM WE WOULD LIKE TO CAUTION AND AS A PROVOCATION BY THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SINNED. THE WHOLE GAMUT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN DJIBOUTI WAS RECENTLY REVIEWED WITH PRIME MINISTER (BADALLAH KAMIL, WHO IS ALSO FORMIN AND MINDEF). AS AN AFAR, HE FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE PRESIDENT AND SEVERAL OF HIS FOLLOWERS HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. AS PRIME MINISTER, HE IS TRYING TO CREATE CONDITIONS IN WHICH SUCH VIOLATIONS WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO REOCCUR. THEREFORE, THE POST BELIEVES THAT THIS IS
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NOT A OPPORTUNE TIME TO PRESENT WHAT MAY VERY WELL BE A DATED DOCUMENT. HOPEFULLY, BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, THE DJIBOUTIANS MIGHT HAVE THEIR AFFAIRS IN ORDER.
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